HFS Medical Programs (Program Enrollment Snapshot)
Contains Multiple Files for Multiple End of Year Snapshots
HFS Program Enrollment Data CY 2012
Point in Time Enrollment as of 12/31/2012

As extracted from EDW 04/16/2013

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We have created a file that describes nine different attributes of Medicaid benefits recipients. There are approximately 100,000 rows in this data, each describing the number of recipients with a particular set of attributes. Data users can create pivot tables to examine interesting patterns of recipients and their benefits. This file complies with Illinois Transparency legislation, which helps the public access more data about public programs offered by HFS.

Please note: We provide the data in a txt format to ensure its completeness and usability. Users of Excel can import the .txt file into this spreadsheet for usability. Users of Excel 2003 will need to split the data and paste it into two tabs, as the 100,000+ rows of data exceed the 65,000-row limit of Excel 1997-2003.

This file was created in order to allow members of the public to better understand the demographics of HFS medical program enrollment.

So that users can aggregate our enrollment along multiple dimensions, the file contains more than 100,000 records.

The number of recipients (enrollment) is shown for each record, EXCEPT when the number of recipients is between 1 and 5. When the number of recipients is between 1 and 5, we substitute the average number of recipients for all records with recipients between 1 and 5. This number is 1.92. This complies with HIPAA requirements about the privacy of patients, while still providing good enrollment estimates when the data is sufficiently aggregated. Please note: Aggregated recipient counts therefore WILL NOT exactly match other sources.

It is simple to aggregate the data via Excel pivot tables. Sample pivot tables are provided. Alternatively the data can be exported to other software. HFS does not provide 'how to' support for data analysis.

Warning: As noted above, recipient counts are estimates. This is especially true with respect to small numbers of recipients. An aggregate cell of 10 recipients may, in fact, be 5 or 20 recipients. As with any other data set describing three million people, there are data anamolies 'at the edges.' We encourage all data users to concentrate on large numbers and overall patterns, not the small details.

The remainder of this page describes each data field.

County

For most recipients "county" displays the location of the public aid office that handles their case. For this reason, it is not necessarily the recipient's residential county.

Zip

Zip codes also display the location of the public aid office where a given case is handled. These are provided only for Cook County residents (in much of the remainder of the state, drilling down to zip codes results in far too many cells with 1 to 5 recipients). All other zip codes are listed as NA (for "not applicable") or "OOS" (for "out of state"). Some recipients (most often DCFS children) legitimately live out of state.

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Category

This element defines benefit entitlement categories with respect to age and disability status.

Category	Benefit Level	Age Category	Disabled	Age Band
1 FChild0t18	Full Benefit	Child	na	0 to 18
2 FAdult19t64NoD	Full Benefit	Adult	No	19 to 64
3 FAdult19t64Dis	Full Benefit	Adult	Yes	19 to 64
4 FSenior65up	Full Benefit	Senior	na	65+
5 Partial	Partial Benefit	All	na	65+

These are the same categories shown with respect to data on our website.

RaceCd

This element refers to the recipients' self-reports of racial identity at the time of their enrollment.

Answering this question is optional and some individuals choose not to provide information.

RaceCd	Description
W	White
A	Asian
N	American Indian/Alaska Native
M	Multi-Race
D	Did Not Answer/Unknown
P	Hawaiian Native/Other Pacific Islander
B	Black

EthnicityCd

This element refers to the recipients' self-reports of ethnic identity at the time of their enrollment.

Answering this question is optional and some individuals choose not to provide information.

EthnicityCd	Description
N	Not-Hispanic-Latino
Y	Hispanic-Latino
D	Ethnicity-Unknown

GenderCd

This element refers to the recipients' self-reports of gender at the time of their enrollment.

Answering this question is optional and some individuals choose not to provide information.

GenderCd	Description
1	Male
2	Female
3	Unknown

UndocInd

1 = Undocumented non-citizen

0 = citizens, documented non-citizens, and any other persons

EnrollmentHighLevelGroupDesc

The recipient's enrollment category. Further information regarding the categories can be found at in our data glossary on HFS's Transparency webpage.

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EnrollmentDetailRptGroupDesc

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HIPAARecipients

The number of recipients associated with this demographic profile. When the number of recipients is 1 to 5, 1.92 is substituted.   See above for further explanation.